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BVL Donates \$4,200 to VA BHHCS Recreation Therapy



The South Dakota Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) recently donated \$4,200 for recreation therapy activities to VA Black Hills Health Care System (BHHCS) - \$2,100 to the Fort Meade VA Medical Center and another \$2,100 to the Hot Springs VA Medical Center.

The BVL has held a premiere position in support of recreation therapy for Veterans since World War II. Last year the South Dakota BVL ranked the 5th highest in the nation for BVL

donations to recreation therapy. Because of their high ranking, they were able to donate \$2,000 more to VA BHHCS this year than in past years.

“So many thank me for my donations,” said Karla Richey of the South Dakota BVL. “This VA hospital did so much to help my father. It was great. These people have sacrificed so much for our country. It’s great to give back to them.”

Recreation therapy, designed to maintain or improve physical, mental and emotional well-being as well as reduce depression, stress and anxiety, has been the hallmark of BVL’s programming. VA BHHCS recreation therapy department is thankful for the continued support of the South Dakota BVL.

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